

IN THE CLAIMS:

1-28. (Cancelled)

29. (New) A production protection system dealing with contents that are digital production, comprising:

obtaining means for obtaining data including a first content, on which first encryption has been performed and a second content, on which second encryption has been performed, the second encryption is more difficult to break than the first encryption;

first content decryption means for decrypting the first content using a first decryption method that corresponds to the first encryption when the data that has been obtained by the obtaining means includes the first content; and

second content decryption means for decrypting the second content using a second decryption method that corresponds to the second encryption and is more difficult than the first decryption method when the data that has been obtained by the obtaining means includes the second content.

30. (New) The production protection system according to Claim 29, wherein the first encryption is performed using a first key, the second encryption is performed using a second key, which has a larger data size than the first key,

the data that is to be obtained by the obtaining means further includes control information, which has the first and second keys, for controlling operations on each content included in the data to be obtained,

8 the first content decryption means decrypts the first content using the first key,
9 and
10 the second content decryption means decrypts the second content using the
11 second key.

1 31. (New) The production protection system according to Claim 30,
2 wherein the control information is encrypted using a control key that has been
3 derived from a third key and a system common key, and included in the data that is to be
4 obtained by the obtaining means,
5 the third key is encrypted using a fourth key and included in the data that is to be
6 obtained,
7 the first content decryption means includes a first control information decryption
8 unit for storing the system common key and a fifth key corresponding to the fourth key in
9 advance, decrypting the third key using the fifth key, deriving the control key from the decrypted
10 third key and the system common key, and decrypting the control information using the control
11 key, and
12 the second content decryption means includes a second control information
13 decryption unit for storing the system common key and the fifth key corresponding to the fourth
14 key in advance, decrypting the third key using the fifth key, deriving the control key from the
15 decrypted third key and the system common key, and decrypting the control information using
16 the control key.

1 32. (New) The production protection system according to Claim 29, wherein each of
2 the first content and the second content is multimedia data that is digital production, and
3 the first content represents the same information as the second content but at a
4 lower reproduction quality level.